

Listing of Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claim 1. (Original) The use of oxcarbazepine for the manufacture of a pharmaceutical composition for the improvement of sleep in human patients suffering from chronic pain.

Claim 2. (Original) The use according to claim 1 wherein the pain is diabetic neuropathic pain.

Claim 3. (Previously presented) The use according to claim 1 wherein oxcarbazepine is administered at a total dose between about 450 mg/day and about 2100 mg/day.

Claim 4. (Previously presented) The use according to claim 1 wherein the sleep is improved by decreasing the frequency of being awakened from sleep due to pain.

Claim 5. (Previously presented) The use according to claim 1 wherein the sleep is improved by decreasing the delay of getting to sleep due to pain.

Claim 6. (Previously presented) The use according to any claim 1 wherein the sleep is improved by feeling rested after sleep.

Claims 7 - 8. (Withdrawn)

Claim 9. (Original) A method of improving sleep in human patients suffering from chronic pain, which comprises administering oxcarbazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof to said patient at a total dose in the range from about 1500 mg/day to about 2100 mg/day.

Claim 10. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein a daily dose of from 1650 mg to 1950 mg is administered to the patient.

Claim 11. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the daily dose is about 1800 mg.

Claim 12. (Original) A method of improving sleep in human patients suffering from chronic pain, which comprises administering oxcarbazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof to said patient at a total dose in the range from about 900 mg/day to about 1500 mg/day.

Claim 13. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein a daily dose of from 1050 mg to 1350 mg is administered to the patient.

Claim 14. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein the daily dose is about 1200 mg.

Claim 15. (Original) A method of improving sleep in human patients suffering from chronic pain, which comprises administering oxcarbazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof to said patient at a total dose in the range from about 450 mg/day to about 900 mg/day.

Claim 16. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein a daily dose of from 550 mg to 750 mg is administered to the patient.

Claim 17. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein the daily dose is about 600 mg.

Claim 18. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 9 wherein oxcarbazepine is administering on a twice daily schedule.

Claim 19. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1 wherein the patient is suffering from neuropathic pain.

Claim 20. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1 wherein the patient recruits from the Caucasian population.

Claim 21. (Original) The method of claim 19 wherein oxcarbazepine is administered in the form of a film-coated tablet.

Claims 22 – 31. (Withdrawn)